Shifting of Delhi's Institutions

3092. SHRI KM. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Institutions like Delhi College of Engineering, Kasturba Women Polytechnics have been approved for shifting to other sites in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with reasons therefor;

(c) whether the shifting will have additional facilities for students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for shifting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Delhi College of Engineering is being shifted to their new campus at Bawana Road, New Delhi. Delhi Institute of Technology is being shifted to the new campus at Dwarka. Kasturba Polytechnic for Women is being shifted to Pitampura. Ambedkar Memorial Polytechnic has been shifted to Madhuban near Shakarpur. These Institutes have been facing acute space shortage in their old sites. There had been no scope for their expansion. Shifting to the new sites will facilitate additional space and additional facilities for the students like hostel accommodation, lab. facilities etc.

Association of Adivasis and rural poor in afforestation programme in Maharashtra

3093. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans for the association of Adivasis and rural poor in the regeneration of degraded forests in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the central funds provided for the purpose during the last three years; yearwise; and

(d) the degraded forests in the State where the plan is under implementation and progress made thereon during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 100% centrally sponsored scheme on "Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Basis" is under implementation in Maharashtra State since 1993-94. An amount of Rs. 1,18,03,500 have been sanctioned for regeneration of 1500 ha of degraded forests during the period 1993—97.

(c) The central funds released during last three years are as under:

1993-94 Rs. 44,04,000.

1994-95 unspent balance of Rs. 34,04,000 from the released funds of 1993-94 was revalidated.

1995-96 Rs. 51,47,100.

(d) The scheme is under implementation in degraded forests of districts Dhule, Gadchiroli and Chandrapur. The target of regeneration of 1500 ha have been achieved.

Selling of coconuts at low prices in Andhra Pradesh

3094. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that farmers are selling coconuts at very low prices in West and East Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the findings of such an enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) As per the information gathered, the prices of coconut are ruling at much

higher levels compared to those obtaining last year. The wholesale price of coconut in Rajahmundry (East Godavari District) which was Rs. *2200/-* per thousand nuts in December 1995, has gone up to Rs. 2800/- per thousand nuts during December 19%.

Implementation of Arid Zone Fruits Scheme in Gujarat

3095. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centrally sponsored integrated development of tropical temperate and arid zone fruits scheme is being implemented by the Government in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial incentives given to the farmers of the State for area expansion under the scheme;

(d) the year-wise and district-wise details thereof for the last three years;

(e) whether any substantial increase has been noticed in the fruit production in the State after the implementation of the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During 8th Plan an allocation of Rs. 385.84 lakhs has been made under this scheme for Gujarat for (i) establishing 5 big nurseries, 15 small nurseries and 2 tissue culture units (ii) area expansion in 2372 ha (iii) improving productivity/rejuvination of 7050 ha of old Orchards and (iv) demonstration, training of farmers and publicity materials.

(c) Under area expansion component of the scheme, assistance is being given to the farmers @50% of the cost of cultivation ranging from Rs. 6000/- to Rs. 60,000 per ha. depending on the type of fruit crops involved for an area of 0.5 ha. per beneficiary.

(d) The area expansion under this scheme was implemented from 1994-95. Hence, the year-wise and district-wise details for the last two years are given in Statement, *(see* below)

(e) and (f) No study has been conducted to estimate the impact of this scheme on production. However, total fruit production in Gujarat has increased from 18.35 lakh tonnes during 1991-92 to 25.66 lakh tonnes in 1995-96.

Statement

The year-wise and district-wise details of area expansion programme implemented under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on integrated development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits in Gujarat

Sl. No.	District	1994-95		1995-96	
		Area in Hectare	Expenditure Rs. in Lakhs	Area in Hectare	Expenditure Rs. in Lakhs
1.	Amreli	19.24	0.72	53.19	2.21
2.	Kautch	2.80	0.04	—	—
3.	Kheda	105.91	5.24	106.50	5.19
4.	Gandhinagar	22.90	0.88	11.70	0.43
5.	Panchmahal	19.25	0.77	—	—
6.	Banaskantha	1.52	0.58	2.80	0.12
7.	Bharuch	72.30	3.62	91.60	4.64
8.	Bhavnagar	32.98	1.41	31.70	1.56